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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-

RE: ED REID
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Organization of Teamsters Joint Council

ED REID is a former newspaperman and author of "The Mafia" and co-author of "The Green Felt Jungle." [redacted] who introduced SA GEORGE E. BEARD to REID.

REID called Agent on 5/6/67, having been referred by [redacted] to advise he had information concerning JOHN ROSELLI, subject of an Anti-Racketeering investigation. It was agreed to meet with him on 5/9/67.

On 5/9/67, he mentioned and showed the rough draft manuscript of his new book entitled, "Jungle, U.S.A." which he described as a history and study of organized crime in the U. S. today. Concerning CARLOS MARCELLO, he wrote in effect as follows:

(b) [illegible]

There was a meeting on 9/11/63, at Churchill Farms, outside New Orleans, Louisiana, of several people, including CARLOS MARCELLO, who made the statement that in order to get BOBBY KENNEDY they would have to kill the

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President. They could not kill BOBBY because the President would use the Army and Marines to get them. This would result in BOBBY losing his powers as Attorney General because of the new President. They would get someone "peppered" up to do this job. Several days later, a person who attended this meeting was interviewed by FBI Agents of the Los Angeles Office and related what he had heard at Churchill Farms. The names of the Agents are known to the author. This is the extent of the paragraph concerning the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

REID said that his informant was reliable over the years and related this story to him about 18 months ago. After leaving New Orleans his informant traveled to Dallas and then to Los Angeles and several days later was interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning the BILLIE SOL ESTES case and allegedly related the incident at Churchill Farms. He refused to identify his informant, but said he would contact his source and see if his source was agreeable to making his name available to the FBI. The names of the Agents as furnished to REID by his informant were JIM ELDRIDGE and L. BLANTON.

A search of the Los Angeles files disclosed that SA JAMES E. ETHRIDGE and LANFORD L. BLANTON interviewed one [redacted] on 11/26/62, who had traveled from New Orleans to Dallas to Los Angeles, in connection with the "BILSOL - NBA; ITSP; MF; CONSPIRACY," case, Bufile 29-28704, wherein mention was made of CARLOS MARCELLO. No other interviews by these Agents make any reference to MARCELLO. It, therefore, appears that [redacted] is the informant. In report of SA BLANTON dated 11/30/62, page 14 - 16, the results of the interview with [redacted] are set forth wherein it states that CARLOS MARCELLO was mentioned in connection with financing for a business proposition. No mention was made of the assassination or a discussion concerning the Attorney General. Interviewing Agents have stated they definitely did not receive such information from anyone interviewed. It should be noted that REID said the interview was conducted several days after the 9/11/63, meeting at Churchill Farms. The interview with [redacted] took place on 11/26/62.

REID was firmly advised that no such information was furnished to Agents of the Los Angeles Division as is alleged by his informant. He refused to confirm or deny that [redacted] is his informant.

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On 5/10/67, REID advised that he again contacted his informant to determine if he was agreeable to having his identity revealed by REID to the FBI. According to REID, the informant refused and persisted in his story.

REID declared that, although the FBI states that this information was not received from his informant, he will leave the story stand as is and that the book is now in the hands of his publisher.

As indicated above, REID's source appears to be [redacted] This individual is described as an unlicensed private investigator in the State of California, last known residing at [redacted] Los Angeles. He had been an informant in the employ of [redacted] (former Bureau Agent) of the [redacted] Association, Los Angeles. [redacted] advised on 11/5/62, that he had ascertained that [redacted] was unreliable and had been lying to him and discontinued his services. As the Bureau is aware, information was received from [redacted] in November 1962, that [redacted] claimed FBI connections and falsely represented his contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] as contacts with FBI Agents when he knew they were retired. As instructed by Buairtel dated 12/4/62, [redacted] was subsequently advised of the facts concerning [redacted] misrepresentations.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information inasmuch as it appears that this information will appear in the forthcoming publication of REID's book even though it is incorrect.